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TESTIMONY
TO THE
Lord's Power
AND
Blessed Appearance

In and Amongst
CHILDREN.

Wherein is expressed the great love
of God to them, who, as Young and
Tender, have tasted of his good **WORD**
and heavenly **LIFE**.

Published for the Use of Friends, and to
prevent various Reports, that they may have a
true Account in the following Testimonies,
given forth by Faithful Witnesses.

Here are also added, to what was before
Printed, several precious Testimonies and Epistles,
which are as the Effects of the Appearance and
Operation of that great Power and Wisdom of
God in and amongst them.

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THE
MUSEUM
OF
NATURAL
HISTORY
AND
ANTHROPOLOGY
AND
THE
HUMAN
MIND

Dear Friends;

WHen I consider the great Love of God, in this day extended so largely both to small and great, it is to my great Admiration, and especially the hand of God reaching abundantly towards Children, how wonderfully he hath appeared to them, that in their Generation they may be God's faithfull Witnesses, as we have been in our Day, as the Lord hath kept us faithfull.

Some of the Openings of that Life in them, and Pratlings of their Lips, as tender Babes in Christ Jesus, are here presented to be read, in the Additional Epistles and Testimonies to what was before Printed.

Many other precious Epistles and Testimonies we have by us, which were written to their Unconverted Friends & Relations, which at this time we thought not so meet to be published.

C. T.

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O H! Dear Children, into whose Hands this Book may be recommended, whether in the Truth, or out of the Truth; but I hope it may meet with many that are in the Truth; A Word is put into my Heart to Encourage you that fear the Lord and walk in his Way, and an Invitation to you that fear him not: And when this comes to your Hands, take this Holy Exhortation, and enter into your Closets, and with Seriousness and Godly Fear read this Book, which was at first put forth at that Time, when that Hellish Report was raised of us, That the Devil arose amongst us. This Book, I say, was put forth then to take away the Reproach; and now many other Things are added unto it, of the Effect of that Great and Notable Day, and the pouring forth of the Lord's blessed Power and Spirit, poured forth upon our Children; A Holy Day indeed! forever let it be had in remembrance of us, and of all those
that

that truly fear the Lord; A Notable Day indeed! Verily the Devil Roared at it, and stirred up his Instruments to Blaspheme this his Holy Work; but in the Name of the Lord, we Defie him and them.

Ab, Dear Children! what may we say unto you? of some of ours, that live in the House with us, that were once Wild and Disorderly, as well as others, but the Lord hath made them to Lament for their Sins, and I know they have Repented of them, and the Lord hath been pleased to shew Mercy unto them, and now they love his Righteous Wayes; and the Lord hath filled their Hearts with his holy Praises; and hath also constrained them to write to their Relations that live in Sin, and do earnestly beseech them, To Repent of their Evil Wayes, and Defie the Devil, who is the whole Cause of the Misery and Sorrow that falls upon the Sons and Daughters of men, for Transgressing the holy Law of God that is written in their Hearts: Oh! how do they Lament over them, that they may come to Fear the Lord, and walk in his Way with them,
that

that they may be blessed with them forever!
 And many blessed things are amongst them,
 too large here to relate.

This greatly exercised me this Morning,
 and I could have no rest until I had it
 writ down, and then God's Peace con-
 firmed me, that I had done his Will.

The 29th of the 11th } Frances Taylor.
 Moneth, 1679.

A Testimony to the Everlasting Power of God (which in Ages past hath wonderfully appeared in Sons and Daughters) which hath been Despised, Mocked and Evil spoken of, by the Wisdom which is from below, that sees it not, nor can know it; which heavenly Power hath appeared in our Days, and hath wrought wonderfully in and upon the Hearts of many, even to the amazement of many; and it hath met with the same Spirit of Opposition now as formerly, calling it, Madness, Witch-craft and Diabolical Delusion. It was prophesied of Old, That the Lord would work a Work, which some should not believe if it were told them: This in part, hath a Remnant seen in these days, and even of late, as hereafter is mentioned.

UPon the 4th day of the Moneth call'd June, 1679. at a Meeting in the Town called *Waltham-Abby*, in *Essex*, of the People call'd *Quakers*, where was present about Forty or Fifty

Fifty young Boyes & Maidens; *Gods* heavenly Power brake forth in some Maids and Young Girls; it begun with Three or Four at first, broke them into Tears, and Melting of Heart, continued so a small time; then it reached two or three of the Younger Boyes, which melted them into Tears; and in a very small time reached all the Boyes and Young Girls, many of them being but about Eight or Nine and Ten Years old, the Power was so mighty that they were all broken into Tears, some into Trembling; and at last it reached unto the Elder People, so that all in the Meeting was broken by the Power into Tears and Melting, which did continue for about one Hour, until the Meeting was ended. This I was an Eye and Ear Witness of, and felt God's Power wonderfully, to the gladding of my heart, and answering the Breathings of my Soul, which I have many a time had in a Travail to the Lord for the Children, *That the Lord might visit them in their Young Days.* After which Meeting I had this Hope & Faith raised up in my Soul, which to some I did declare, That God had a Work to work with some of these Children,

dren, which he would bring forth ere long. And several signal Testimonies hereof hath the Lord brought forth since, as hereafter appeareth from other Eye & Ear Witnesses thereof. And although Men in the Fallen Wisdom see not, understand not, nor believe that this is from the mighty Power of God, yet there is a Remnant gathered by this Power, and have Experience of the Operation thereof, how it hath wrought in them, even in some when they were Young; these are Gods Witnesses that this is his Work, yea, it is sealed to them by his Spirit: And let all the *Mockers* know, *God's Work* in our Day will be too heavy for them; and except they will Repent, will be a Stone of stumbling, upon which they will fall and be broken to pieces; yea, those that slight and neglect the Day of their Visitation, untill it be too late, this same Power they stumble at, will fall upon them, and Grind them to *Powder*.

*This is from one who Travails and Breaths
to the Lord, that his Everlasting Pow-
er may be more and more revealed in the
Hearts of the Sons and Daughters of
men, that many may be gathered out of
the Fall, unto Christ Jesus that never
fell, that they may feel themselves growing
up in his heavenly Life, as living Mem-
bers of him the blessed Head, then will
they come to understand that these Things
are from the Lord; when the inward
Eye and Ear is opened, they will with
me bear their Testimony, That these
things are of the Lord.*

**The 6th day of the
5th Moneth,
1679.**

G. LAWRY.

A Copy of a Letter to A. P.

DEAR *A. P.* &c. I cannot omit but certifye some what of our last Nights Exercise in our Meeting, in our Family, how mightily the Power of the Lord appeared amongst us; first breaking in upon Two Young Lads, and so passed through the rest, with such Dread and Power, that there was an exceeding great shaking and tenderness amongst them, rather more than on that notable Fourth day; so that it was not without difficulty to bring several of them into stillness again: But at the last, it being late, they went to Bed, and there many of them lay Crying, Weeping and Lamenting for two or three Hours together: Others in a diverse Exercise; some who had been sober, and formerly good conditioned, meek and gentle, the Power was meek with them, and overcame them in a most blessed manner; so that they were filled with heavenly Praises, utter-

ing such words as sweet-conditioned Souls are wont to do, when they are sealed by the Lords Spirit : Others most bitterly Lamenting their Conditions, especially one of the aforesaid Lads for about three Hours together in his Bed, exceeded and cryed out for Mercy, so Dreadfully, that I never (as I remember) heard a more Terrible Exercise from small or great : When I told him how patiently his Bed-fellow lay besides him ; he answered, *The reason was, because he had not been so wicked as himself had been.* If I could but write down the Speeches of the poor Children, under their various Exercises, I may well say, it would be as a wonderful Thing, and such a Lesson as many Hearts would be broken to read ; but what shall I say, but admire the Love and Mercy of the Lord in these Things ! C. was blessedly disposed on, and was truly refreshed in his Soul ; and with him, and several others, there was a secret inward Harmony from a feeling Sense of God's pure Visitation ; and some more dreadfully seized on, and broken in upon by the Authority of the Power, so that

it was admirable to behold the variety of the Exercises suitable to the subject Matter, Condition and Disposition of every Child.

This is a hint to thee of the matter, who I know dearly loves us, and will be refreshed at any time to hear of our Welfare. So leaving the rest to W.C. who was with us in the Meeting, if thou pleasest to enquire of him, with mine & my Wife's dear Love to thee and thy dear Wife, &c. I rest, thy dearly loving Brother in the Fellowship of God's Truth.

Waltham-Abby, the }
24th of the 4th } C. Taylor.
Moneth, 1679. }

A Copy of a Letter to T. T.

DEAR Brother, &c. the 24th of the 4th Moneth, 1679. we sitting towards Evening with the Family and Children, being in all about Fifty, the Lords sweet and tender Heart breaking Power was

was with us in a shower of abundance of Love, Mercy and Gentleness thorowout, which caused abundance of melting Tears, and great Soul-gladness, like unto the Love and Tenderness of a most tender Father, in Forgiveness and Mercy, after Correction & Submission under the same, I mean especially as to such who had been more stubborn: And the more mild and gentle-conditioned were under the pure sense of the same Power in pure Love and sweet Tenderness, with an encrease of what had been poured out before at the other Meetings: so that the whole Meeting and Family at that time was, as I may truly say, overpowered with Divine comfort, in the sense of God's pure Love; nothing else from God declared to them, but that they should admire his sweet Love and Mercy, and how good the Lord was, how gentle, kind, and most tender over them, together with the great admiring of the same Love, being filled with it; so that the heavenly Flame of it drowned all manner of Sorrow at that time, and conquered all sense of Terror and Judgment, nothing but Love, at that time, and Mercy appearing

ing and overcoming all; so that it was wonderful to behold the great Gravity & Sense of the Children in such an Exercise, there being such a general Heart-breaking Power over-powering them in such a manner with Gods blessing throughout declared amongst them all. And now I may say, that there is not one who hath been of the worst Temper and Disposition here at present, but in pleading with them about their Conditions, in the sense of God's Truth, have been broken into a sensible acknowledgment with weeping Eyes; so far hath the most blessed Power of the living God appeared in this place, a Day much groaned and longed for to see, Glory to the Lord forever. And certainly the living God will bestow more of his heavenly Blessings upon us, by the still pouring forth of his heavenly Spirit, as we are dear and tender before him, and of his Glory, *Amen.*

So dear Brother, admire with us the excellency of God's pure Love, and pray with us, that we all may be kept in the sweet and humble acknowledgment of all his most tender Mercies: And oh! that we may never give the least occasion,

whereby the Lord may with-draw the sense of such great Love and Mercy from us ; *Amen, Amen.*

So dear Brother, If I could tell thee I would, how full of sweet Melody my Soul is at present from the sense of this his pure goodness, and how full of Joy and Gladness, and heavenly Praises : Oh ! the glorious heavenly Power of the Lord God, how, when he pleases, it most wonderfully overcomes the Hearts and Souls of his beloved and tender Children ! Oh dear Brother ! feel, feel what my Soul can admire, but my Tongue far unable to utter, neither lawful for any man to do in this earthly Tabernacle, in which we reach unto thee dearly, and to thy dear Wife.

And I am thy dear Brother,

C. Taylor.

The following Testimonies are
from the Teachers of the Chil-
dren.

*A Testimony concerning the Goodness
and Mercy of God our heavenly
Father in Christ Jesus, manife-
sted to the Children of our Family.*

IN the sence of the great Love and ten-
der Mercies of the Lord God, who
hath often graciously visited and livingly
refreshed my Soul in our Evenings or Fa-
mily's Meetings, I can and do bear this
living and faithful Testimony, That at a
Meeting the 23d of the 4th Moneth, cal-
led *June*, in the Evening, the great God
and Father of Mercy, in a special and
wonderful manner, did abundantly pour
forth of his good and holy Spirit of Life
and Grace upon our Spirits, through
Jesus Christ our Saviour, by which our
Souls and Spirits were broken and melted
before him; *That Waters did gush out of
the Rocks, Springs were opened in dry
places, and the very Depth did utter forth
its Voice.* I myself was so overpowered
and overcome with this heavenly Life,
Virtue

Virtue and Power of God, that I did shake and tremble before him the mighty God of Heaven and Earth, who by his quick and powerful Voice shaketh the Wilderness, and breaketh the Cedars of Lebanon, at whose appearance and look the Earth Trembles, and at whose touch the Hills Smoke: This his great Love and powerful Operation upon my Heart and Spirit, being livingly refreshed and comforted by it, did cause my Soul to magnifie the Lord, and my Spirit to rejoyce in God my Saviour, singing and making sweet Melody in my Heart to the Lord, because he did so graciously answer the Desire of our Souls, and powerfully break in upon the Hearts and Spirits of our Children, revealing himself in his great and Almighty Power among them, in and through which their Hearts were broken, their Spirits melted, and their Souls humbly bowed before him, as the alone searcher of the Heart, and tryer of the Reins, making known to every one his state and condition, and bringing to Light the hidden things of Darknes, and Counsels of the Hearts, which brought Sorrow and Trouble upon them, and caused many of them

them to lament and cry out before the Lord. Oh! who can appear and stand before the great Judge of the Quick and Dead, and not Tremble at his Word, and not Howl and Cry as under the Sense of his Judgments, till they be brought forth unto Victory, and the Soul comes to feel Redemption from Sin and Iniquity, through the Blood of Jesus Christ!

We are living Witnesses of this great and powerful Work of the Almighty God in and amongst the Children of our Family, by which he hath begun to work out their Salvation with Fear and Trembling, and to turn their Minds from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto himself, that they may receive Forgiveness of Sins, and Inheritance amongst them which are sanctified by Faith in Christ Jesus, to the great comfort and satisfaction of our Souls, who was thus graciously pleased to appear and reveal himself in and among us, in his heavenly Power and Authority; for my Soul hath often been poured out before the Lord on their behalf, *That he would be pleased to reach unto their Hearts in his heavenly quickning Power, that at length they*

they might come to experience in themselves what hath often been declared to them by others; that so in the sense of this Heart-breaking Power they might learn to fear him their Creator in the dayes of their Youth, and their Souls might be engaged and constrained to love and obey him.

Now the Lord hath heard our Cry, and answered our Desire; he hath manifested his great Love, Favour and Mercy unto them and us, in the sense whereof my Soul did and doth rejoyce, praising and glorifying his Name on their and our behalf; I can bear my witness in Truth, that the sense of the goodness of the Lord did rest upon my Spirit all the Night long, that after I awaked my Eyes were full of Tears, and my Soul full of holy Praises and Thanks-giving unto the Lord, because of his tender Mercies and great Love towards us, breathing to the Lord, that he in his heavenly blessed Power would carry on his great Work of Regeneration that he hath begun in and upon our Spirits, and to Bless us daily more and more with all Spiritual Blessings in Christ Jesus, to the Praise and Glory of his Grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved,

ved, according to the Riches of his Grace? wherein he hath reached and abounded towards us, to declare unto our Souls that he has pardoned our Sins, and received us into his Fatherly Love and Care.

What shall I say of the next following Meeting? I am not able to express the sweet refreshing Life, Virtue and Power of our heavenly Father arising in us with healing under his Wings. For as the Evening before, Fearsfulness and Trembling came upon many, and Horror had over-whelmed them, so now at this time the sweet Love of a most tender and merciful Father, embracing their Spirits, did sweetly and livingly refresh and comfort their Souls; he healed the broken in Heart, and bound up their Wounds with the Balm of his heavenly Life, Virtue and Power, to the great comfort and satisfaction of our Souls, who partook of the Water of Life, that the Lord poured forth and made us to drink of; in and through which the Spirit of the Humble was quickned, and the Heart of the Contrite Ones revived.

Now as the Lord in those two Meetings hath appeared and revealed himself

in and to us in a most special, gracious and powerful manner, so his Sweet and Heart-melting Love and tender Mercies have hitherto followed us from Meeting to Meeting, sensibly and livingly, Refreshing, Comforting, Strengthening and Confirming our Souls in his Love, Life, Virtue and Power, until this very Day, Praises, Praises, Praises, Glory and Honour be to our God, henceforth, forever and forever.

Moreover, it is sealed to my Spirit by the holy Spirit of the Lord God, *That we shall be Monuments of his Tender Mercies and Fatherly Love and Care* (These are the Words which livingly arose in my Heart, as we were lately gathered together, and arise again as I am writing this Testimony for God) I say, We shall be Monuments of his tender Mercies and fatherly Love and Care, if we keep Low, Humble, Meek and Tender before him, he will instruct us, and teach us in the Way, which we shall go, and guide us with his Eyes, if we alwayes Fear and Dread his holy powerful Name, which he hath revealed unto us, and poured forth in and among us, as a good and precious

precious Ointment, which causes us to be glad and to rejoyce in him, and to love him with all our Heart, Soul and Mind.

In the sense of this great Love and tender Mercies of the Lord God, my Soul desires that I and every one of us, especially our dear Children, that have with us tasted of the good Word and Power of the World to come; by which our Souls have been quickned and livingly refreshed and comforted, may be alwayes kept in a living sense of the Lovingkindness & Goodness of the Lord towards us, that so we may walk in Humility, Righteousness and Holiness before him, who hath reached to our Souls, and made us sensible of our inward State and Condition, and also of his Love, Grace and Mercy, that we may walk worthy of this his great Love, and Dread and Fear him in our Hearts, alwayes having the Eyes of our Mind towards him, that in his Light, shining in our Souls, we may see even the least appearance of Evil, & waiting in it we may receive Power to be kept & preserved out of it, lest by entring in or consenting to it we should offend the Lord, and cause him to with-draw his sweet Love,

Love, and to hide the Light and Favour of his Countenance from us, which would bring Sorrow, Anguish and Destruction upon our Souls. Oh! let us walk worthy of this great Love, let every one of us be circumspect in our Lives and Conversations, that our Enemies, who Reproach and Blaspheme the holy Name and powerful Work of the Lord God, who hath graciously and gloriously appeared in and among us, may behold our Holy, Innocent, Upright Life and Conversation, and by it may be reached and convinced, that not the Devil, but the *Lord God* in his holy Life, Virtue, Power and Spirit hath appeared in and among us, by which he hath wrought a new Heart, and renewed a right and holy Spirit in us, the blessed Effect whereof is Holiness and Righteousness; which Work is not of Man, much less of the Devil, but of the *Everlasting, Pure, and Holy God*, who in his Everlasting, Holy, Pure and Quickening Power hath begot us again into the heavenly Image of his dear Son Christ Jesus, which consists in Holiness, and Righteousness, and Truth, which the Devil is out of.

Having

Having therefore received Grace and Mercy, Life, Virtue and Power of God, let us cleanse our selves from all Filthiness of the Flesh and Spirit, perfecting Holiness in the Fear of God, that we may shew forth the heavenly Virtue and Power of him that hath called and translated us from *darkness* into his marvelous *light*; and turned from Satans Power to his own Holy, Pure and Living Power, in which we are enabled to do good Works, new created of God in Christ Jesus unto good Works, that we may walk therein, in which if we are found walking and doing the *works of God*, we shall never fall again; for so an entrance shall be ministred unto us abundantly, into the Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, who is the true Light, which lights every man that comes into the World, in which heavenly and divine Light, we daily receive Life, Virtue and Power, to escape the Corruption that is in the World through Lust, and to live Soberly, Righteously and Godly in this present World, to the Honour & Praise of him that hath called us to Glory and Virtue. For this is the very end of the heavenly, living,

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powerful Appearance of our God in the midst of us, that in and through the heavenly power of his Son *Christ Jesus* revealed in us, in his divine, heavenly Light, Life and Spirit, he might redeem us from all Iniquity, & purifie unto himself a peculiar People, zealous unto good Works; and that so out of the Mouthes of *Babes* and *Sucklings* he may perfect Praises for his Name. Let us therefore always be found in Well-doing, *that our Light may shine before men, that they may see our good Works, and glorifie our Father which is in Heaven, who dwells in the Light, and is Light, in which, if we walk therein, we have fellowship with him, and one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ his Son, which cleanses us from all Sin, is inwardly known and felt, and the true Fellowship with the Father, and his Son Jesus Christ comes to be witnessed, Righteousness and Holiness, is shewn forth in our Lives and Conversations, by which our heavenly Father comes to be praised and glorified. For herein is our heavenly Father of his Children glorified, when they bring forth much Fruit of the Spirit, which is in all Goodness, and Righteous-*
ness,

ness and Truth, always proving and doing what is acceptable unto the Lord; to whom be Glory and Honour, Praises and Hallelujah, Wisdom and Dominion from my Soul, in the living Sense of his great Love and tender Mercies, now, henceforth, forever and ever, *Amen, Amen.*

The 5th of the 5th
Month, 1679.

Testified by me,
J. M.

WHEN I consider the Goodness, Mercy and Love of Almighty God, to the Sons and Daughters of Men, so largely manifested, and suited to every Capacity and Condition, to this end and purpose, that all, even from the least to the greatest, may be made sensible and living Monuments of his wonderful Work; which he hath been carrying on in all Ages, less or more; but now, in this latter Age of the World, is cutting the Work short in Righteousness; I see it clearly in the Light of the Lord; for which my Soul and Heart is overcome with Praises and Thanks-givings to him,

who (I see) takes pleasure to dwell with the lowly in Heart, and that are willing to follow him whithersoever he in his Requirings may lead; Glory to his blessed Name forever.

I say, the consideration of the Lord's wonderful dealing with People, but more especially with the Young Ones in our Family, constrains me at this time to open my Mouth, in my small Measure, to declare of his Wonderful and Soul-ravishing virtue, livingly witnessed to, in my measure, and also an Eye and Ear witness; but which is more, I find it sealed in my Heart, that the Lord hath begun a blessed Work in and among the Younger sort; so that I can say in truth, *The Lord hath been here, the blessed Effects whereof do sufficiently declare it: Oh! how is my Soul overjoy'd when I see that wild Nature, which bore rule in some, changed and brought under; so that I may justly say with the Prophet, and do witness the same, both in my own particular, as also I declare it on the behalf of the Children. That in some I see, instead of the Thorns comes up the Fir-tree, and instead of the Bryar comes up the Myrtle-tree; and it is for*

for the Lord's Name, for an Everlasting
Sign that shall not be cut off. This hath
 been the End and Tendancy of all the Up-
 right-hearted Ones in their Labour and
 daily Exercise in this Family, who are
 more nearly concerned in them. And
 Oh! let all Hearts joyn with me at this
 time, and at all times, to Praise and Ex-
 tol the God of all Goodness, who in his
 Love hath given us an Earnest of our De-
 sires, which is more to us than Thousands
 of Silver or Gold. This the Lord hath
 been bringing to pass for several years past
 by his Almighty Power and Out-stretched
 Arm, invisibly in the Hearts of the Young
 Ones, and now is more manifestly begun
 to shew forth his Power, in the melting
 of the Rocky-hearted, and tendring of
 them into Tears, which was livingly wit-
 nessed to by many, who felt the Power
 of the Almighty to overshadow them, in
 a Wonderful and Soul-ravishing manner,
 at our *Fourth day's* Meeting in *Waltham-*
Abby; so that in the Sense of the good-
 ness of the Lord, tendred to my Soul, and
 the Souls of the Children there present, I
 was broken into Tears, having a deep
 sense of the Work of the Lord in my own

particular to work in my Heart; as all I was overcome with Joy to feel the Lord's Power so wonderfully to work on the Childrens Minds, that they were melted and broken, to the Amazement of many there present, who never saw such a Day, nor witnessed the Lords Power to change them in their Minds: Oh! but what Joy! what Comfort! what Satisfaction unutterable was ministered to them, who waited upon the Lord for this, to see their Expectation answered in this Matter? what greater Joy could be afforded? surely none.

I can truly say, it was more to me (I hope to my dying day never to forget it) than all Visible, or Created Comforts whatsoever. And so, as the Lord did in a wonderful manner break forth in his Living Power upon the *fourth day*, being the *fourth day* of the *fourth Moneth*, so we have witnessed since, and do witness daily (*Praise to our God for it*) the same Arm of Power to work in our Family-Meetings; so that for some Nights we have gone to Bed with the Tears in our Eyes, being filled with the Love of so tender and merciful a Father, who thus had visi-

ed us in his Love, and filled our Hearts with unexpressible Joy. And this I say more, on the behalf of the Children, That some have been so livingly refreshed in our Evening-Meetings, that after they have been in Bed, their Sleep hath been taken from them for several Hours together, and their Souls have been filled with Praises and Thanks-givings, more than could be uttered.

This I was constrained to say for the Lord, that he is no hard Master, that he takes no pleasure in the Death of Sinners, but thus even in our day, as of old, so fatherly, tenderly and condescendingly he deals with People, even with the tender-aged, as to accomodate himself in his appearance to their Capacities, that they may feel him at work in their inward Parts, who worketh all his Childrens work in them and for them, to the Everlasting Renown and Praise of his Worthy Name forever.

Now let all be invited hereby to bow and submit their Necks to the Yoke of Christ, and let them be made willing to take it upon them; for truly it is light to

them that are made willing in the day
 his mighty Power. Further, let me in-
 tread all, who have been sharers with me
 in this late and continued Heart-breaking
 Power, to walk worthy of the same, that
 we together may pass the time of our so-
 journeying here in fear, that in the end,
 when we shall lay down these Taber-
 nacles, we may be admitted unto the full
 Fruition and compleat Enjoyment of his
 favour, who hath called us, and that very
 early, whose favour is better than Life,
 whereof of late we have had a large Ear-
 nest, to the refreshing of our Souls, and
 the establishing of them in his fear, Ever-
 lasting Praises, Glory and Renown be
 sounded forth unto our bountiful Lord
 and Master Christ Jesus, World without
 End, *Amen.*

A. Paterfone.

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Here follow several Living Testimonies given forth by the
SCHOLLARS.

Dear Father & Mother ;

MY Duty is remembred unto you both, with my dear Love to my Brother and Sisters, and unto the rest of the Family, hoping you are all in good Health, as I am at this present. I have sent you a Book, whereby you may know the State and Condition our Family is in at present, how wonderfully the Lord hath wrought amongst us; for as he hath begun a blessed Work in the Hearts of many in these latter Ages, to destroy and break down the Power of darkness, and to set up his own Kingdom, so he will go on in his mighty Power and Strength, and will make his Arm bare for the bringing back of the Out-casts of *Israel*: For as he promised, *That Righteousness shall cover the*
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the Earth, as the Waters cover the Seas,
 so will he perform it in his appointed
 time, which now in some measure is be-
 gun. I am constrained to tell you what
 the Lord hath done for my Soul, how day
 after day he hath followed me with ten-
 der Mercy, willing me to turn from my
 Wickedness and vain Imaginations, and
 to obey and Worship him the Creator of
 all things. I being troubled and vexed
 in my Conscience, by the grievous Ter-
 rors and Judgments of God, did often
 times lie Howling and Crying in my Bed
 for one or two Hours together, so that
 sometimes I could scarce sleep, but as if
 I had been Tormented in the very Depth
 of Hell, and forever cast out of the sight
 of God, never to receive Mercy from
 him; but the Lord, full of Mercy and
 Love, did by degrees help me, and deli-
 ver'd me out of the Claws of the Enemy;
 and so by waiting more and more upon
 him, I became yet more sensible of my
 State and Condition, and did pray unto
 the God of Heaven, That he would teach
 me his way, wherein I should walk before
 him in Singleness and Uprightness of
 Heart, and would alwayes preserve me
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in his holy Fear. For as it is said, *A bruised Reed will he not break, nor the smoking Flax will he not quench, until he send forth Judgement unto Victory: This have I witnessed in my particular. And again, They that wait upon the Lord renew their strength: This also hath the Lord made me a witness of; for sometimes sitting down in his Fear and Dread, with my Mind only staid upon him, and waiting for his Presence, he hath melted my Heart and bowed down my Spirit before him, by the blessed in-breakings and overpowerings of his tender Love, that so I could not but praise him and honour him, that in such a gracious and bountiful manner hath appeared unto me, and in abundance of love manifested himself unto me, and I have gone to my rest in Peace with him; and also have admired how wonderfully he hath brought me out of *Egypt*, wherein I was a Captive and a Bond-slave under the Prince of the power of darkness, with a desire never to return back into *Egypt*; for it is said, *They that go down into the deep see the Wonders of God: So the Lord, before whom I stand, knows I have a living desire, that I may always be kept*
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in his Fear, and walk worthy of the Love
 which he hath manifested unto me, and
 obey him; that so what I am, I may be
 to him, and alwayes may be kept low and
 humble before him, giving him the Praise,
 Glory, Honour and Renown, unto whom
 it belongs, now, henceforth and forever,
Amen. So I rest,

Your Dutiful Son,

Waltham-Abby, the } James Claypoole,
 5th Mon. 1679. }

Dear

Dear Mother,

I Received a Letter, by which I understand it hath been the Will of the Lord God to take away my Father out of this World, for which I am very sorry; but since it hath been the Will of the Lord, I am satisfied, for the Lord is merciful; Oh! his Mercies have been very great, and his Kindness unutterable to me, who can say so; who brought me to the place where he would have Mercy; Oh! where he would make himself manifest: Oh! in bringing me out of the Pit of Darkness, the Saying is fulfilled; *I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest to them that asked not after me.* So, dear Mother, I would desire and beg of thee, that thou wouldst send my Brother hither: Oh Mother! the Lord is here; here he hath been pleased to make himself manifest: Therefore, Mother, I would desire thee to send my Brother hither, lest he perish in his Sins and Iniquities: I am perswaded, if he
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came hither the Lord would have Mercy upon him, as he had upon me, who was an Abominable Sinner. So this is all at present, but my Master and Mistress remember their Love to thee; And I would desire thee to salute my Sister in my Name, with my Love to my Brother. I rest,

Thy Obedient Son,

*Written in the 10th Mo- } Philip Dymond.
neth, 1679.*

OH! the Love of the Lord, who can express it? Oh! when the mighty God pours out of his Water of Life into our Souls, we are even constrained to sing Praises to his Name. Oh! how can I in any measure express the Love of the Most High, through his Son Jesus Christ. Oh! the Most High doth draw us with the Cords of his infinite Love: Oh! our God is a God of Mercy, a God of infinite Love. When I consider, when I was in *Egypt's* Bondage
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and a Captive to the Devil, how many times would he call me out, but I knew not that it was he; yet at last he made his Arm bare to me, and drew me out of the Pit of darkness with the cords of his Love. And it is now my Testimony for the Lord, *That he is coming to teach his People himself*: And Wo to the Teachers that take Tythes, and are like *Egypt's* Task-masters, for the Wrath of the Lord is kindled against them, that he will neither leave them Root nor Branch; But let us fear the Lord and be Valiant for his Truth, and he will certainly bless us with his Blessings from above. So unto him do I commit my Soul, with the Souls of all his People, to whom be all Honour, Renown and Dominion, who is worthy of it, God blessed forever and evermore.

From one that desires the Prosperity of his blessed Truth, and in some measure has felt the Operation of it.

Written the 29th
of the 11th Mon.
1679.

Philip Dymond.

Dear

Dear Father & Mother ;

MY Duty is remembred unto you, hoping you are in good Health, as I am at this present writing, Praises be to the God of Heaven and Earth, who of his Loving-kindness hath appeared unto me in the day when I went astray and rebelled against him, running a pace to my own Destruction, in that day it pleased God to give me a sight of my Sin; so that I certainly know, that my Redeemer liveth; Praise, Honour and Glory be to the Lord God of Power, who hath so plentifully visited my Soul with his Love and Kindness. So thinking meet to acquaint you with my present Condition and Exercises, having no more at present, I recommend you to the Lord, the Father and Maker of all good things. I rest,

Your Dutiful Son,

John Weight.

*Written in the
9th Mon. 79.*

DIAR

Dear Friend, A. P.

MY dear and true Love salutes thee, desiring thy Well-fare: I have at this time writ a few Lines unto thee, which I hope may find thee in good Health. Forasmuch as when thou wast with us, the mighty Power of the Lord broke in amongst us, and tendred our Hearts, so also it hath continued with us unto this day, which I desire may never depart from us: I can really say, The preserving Hand of the Lord is time after time witnessed to keep us and preserve us; and his intent is to do our Souls good, so that in him may be our Peace and Salvation; for sometimes waiting upon him, in his blessed Light for his appearance, he doth so lovingly and fatherly appear, that he overcometh our Souls, so that we cannot but Praise and Glorifie him, that so graciously should visit us in his Love; as he said, *In the Day of my Power, my People shall be a willing People*: And even at the writing of these Lines he hath

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broken my Heart before him: O! how is the Lord found of them that seek after him? How beautiful is he in his arisings? How doth he fill them that hunger and thirst after him? Now are the dayes of Comfort come, even now are the dayes of Rejoycing and being Glad in the Lord approaching unto our Souls; for he that wounded us, hath in some measure healed us; he that made our Hearts sad, hath now caused us to rejoyce in him the Creator of Heaven and Earth; for who were we or our Fathers Houses, that the Lord should have respect unto us! but in his Mercy hath he done it; therefore it is my Desire, that we may all be faithful unto the Lord in that he hath committed unto us, so shall we have more. Much might be written in the Openings of the Lord, but this is sufficient, as I think. to acquaint thee how it goes with us. Farewell, and be saluted from

Thy dear Friend,

Walsham-Abby,

the 19th of

the 10th Mon.

1679.

James Claypoole,

Junior.

When

When in the fear of God I consider
 the wonderful care that he hath
 of the Children of men, & how he strives
 with them by his Spirit to work out their
 Deliverance, and that both in Old and
 Young, my Heart is melted within me ;
 for in the Consideration of these things
 he hath often exercised me, even in the
 consideration of his Kindness towards the
 Children of men, even towards those who
 are but of Young and Tender years : O !
 when I consider how plentifully he hath
 poured forth of his Spirit in and among
 Children, and how my Soul, with many
 others, hath been overcome by the living
 Sense of the Holy and Heavenly, Living
 and Eternal Power of the Lord God of
 Heaven and Earth, that hath appeared
 amongst us, to the comforting of our
 Souls, and how his heavenly Presence
 hath and doth still follow us from time to
 time in our Assemblies, to our great Joy.
 I cannot but thank the Lord and praise his
 holy Name, for his Care that he hath
 had over me, in bringing me amongst
 them

them to be made a Traveller with them in that heavenly Truth which he revealeth unto us time after time, in and through his Son Christ Jesus.

For although I had some sense of the Power of God before, and was really convinced in my Mind, that the Way wherein I have been brought up was the Way to Eternal Life, to those who were Possessors of that Truth which they did profess, and I did in some measure seek after the Possession of the same; yet when I came into this Family, and amongst those Children, among whom God doth so wonderfully appear, I was made to confess before the Lord, that all that I had done was but very little in comparison of that wherein I saw others exercised; and under the sense of the same Power did I secretly cry unto the Lord, that I also might be made Partaker of that Power that did so fill their Hearts; and that he would forgive me my Sins, and blot out mine Iniquities, that I had hitherto committed; and that I might feel his Saving Arm to Redeem me from the Bondage of Corruption, wherein I felt my self deeply entangled. Which Cry I do really know was of the Lords own begetting.

begetting, because he hath answered it in some measure; and in his Love hath wonderfully appeared unto me, and refreshed my Soul many a time, since the day that I came among these Children; and under the sense of that Love of God hath my Heart often been broken.

O! how is my Soul tendred, when I think of the Lord's Love to my Soul, and how he hath deliver'd me from the Snares of the Enemy, who hath often sought to captivate my Soul, and to hinder the motions of the Spirit of the Lord, that would sometimes arise in me! for then was he busy to draw away my Mind from the Power of God, lest I should lay hold upon it, and thereby be delivered from him. Oh! when I consider these things, and how I have been made to cry in the bitterness of my Spirit, when no Mortal Eye could see, *Who shall deliver me out of this Thralldom?* how the Lord yearned towards me with Bowels of tender Compassion, whereby he made me sensible, *That he had laid Help upon one that is Mighty, even upon his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is come a Light into the World, that all might believe in him and have Eter-*

*nal Life: And that if I would but give up
 to him, he would deliver me: Blessed be his
 Name forever. For by the Working of
 his holy Power hath he constrained me
 to give up unto him, and to cast my self
 down at his Feet, that so I might be
 saved by him: For even as he healed those
 of their outward Infirmities, in the days
 of his Flesh, who were cast down at his
 Feet, and who humbled themselves be-
 fore him, so doth he arise in this Day,
 to those who are willing to be humbled
 before him, and to give up truly unto
 him, with Healing in his Wings, to heal
 their Back-slidings, and to cure their
 Infirmities; and it is those only who
 humble themselves before him, and who
 are willing to be content with that
 Measure that he is pleased to bestow
 upon them, how little soever it be,
 that he doth Nourish, and that he doth
 Refresh, even as he did those two Wo-
 men of Old, one whereof was willing to
 be content with the Crumbs that did fall
 from the Table, the other was willing to
 be content if she could but touch the
Hem of his Garment: How was the Lord
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moved with Compassion towards them!
 and how did he Refresh them, and give
 them the Desire of their Hearts! and
 indeed so he doth to all those in this Day
 who despise not the Day of small things,
 but are willing to wait upon him in the
 least of his Appearance, although it be
 but as a Grain of Mustard-seed, the least
 of all Seeds; yet if it be given way unto,
 it will come to be great, & it will become
 a Teacher that cannot be removed into a
 Corner, but will alwayes be with those
 both Day and Night to Reprove them for
 Sin and Evil, and to give them Victory
 over the same, that lay hold upon it; and
 by Virtue thereof they will even grow
 from strength to strength, until they be-
 come Perfect men in Christ Jesus, who
 said, *Be ye therefore Perfect, as your Fa-
 ther which is in Heaven is Perfect.*

Waltham-Abby, the

8th of the 11th

Month, 1679.

David Barclay

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When

When I consider how Merciful,
 Loving & Kind the Lord hath
 been unto us, and how he doth gracious-
 ly appear, and time after time manifest
 his Love amongst us, my Heart is filled
 with Praises, and my Soul doth magnifie
 his Power, and rejoyce in God my Savi-
 our; For I do truly believe, that the cause
 of my coming to this place was of the
 Lord; for as before I was Wicked and
 Disobedient unto God, running hither
 and thither, seeking rest for my Soul, but
 could find none; But Praises be to God
 forever, he did at last hear my Cry and
 answer the desire of my Heart, and did
 pluck me as a Brand pluckt out of the Fire,
 and set my Feet upon a Rock, where he
 did make known unto me the thing which
 had been long hidden from me, and did
 also shew me the Darkness and Obscurity
 which I was plunged into; such was the
 Mercy of God, which I hope I shall ne-
 ver forget unto my dying Day, and I can
 truly say, that the Lord doth still abide
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with us, and doth time after time appear unto us, healing the Wound which before he had caused; for we do certainly know that he is both able to wound and also to heal.

Oh! I cannot but admire the Loving-kindness of God that he should so appear and abide as he doth; but it is true as it is said, *With those that are meek & lowly, and of a contrite Heart will God abide, and with such is he well-pleased;* for in my measure I can witness, that God is a God of Love and of Long-sufferance, and desires not the Death of a Sinner, but would rather that he should live (for I have known it so) therefore is my Mouth opened at this time to the Praise of God, and that the Ages to come may know of the Wondrous Works of the Lord even amongst Children, and those that are but young in Years, for he indeed hath looked upon us with an Eye of Pity and Compassion, and it hath pleased him to appear unto us, and to shew us the gross Errors and Pollutions which we have been addicted to: Therefore in the sense of the Mercy and Loving-kindness of God my
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Soul is even overcome, and doth magnifie and praise his Name desiring that both I and all those whom he hath in any wise made sensible of their States and Conditions, may be kept in his fear and dread unto the end of our dayes, that so in the End we may lay down our Heads in Peace, and enjoy his presence for evermore.

And also, that while we live, we may live to his Praise, and be kept humble and low, that so in the consideration of his Love we may be even constrained to love him again; for what were we or our Fathers House that he should appear unto us, who have been so Wicked and Disobedient unto him: Oh! this is great Love indeed, that for all this the Lord should be so merciful; for he hath opened our Eyes, that we can clearly see and discern that the end of the Lord in this matter is to do us good, and that we may perfect his Praise, as it is said, *Out of the Mouthes of Babies and Sucklings will I perfect Praise.* Therefore we cannot but praise him, who is worthy

of all Praise, henceforth, forever and for
evermore, *Amen.*

Walsham-Abby, the
23d of the 11th } *Sam. Sweeting.*
Moneth, 1679.

To his quondam School-Master.

Loving Master;

MY Love salutes thee, with
the rest of thy Household,
remembering my School-fellows
and Landlords, hoping that you
are all in good health, as I am at this
present writing, by the Grace of
God, who is the Preserver of all
Mankind, and by whom we live,
and breathe, and have our being.
O! when I remember at any time
thee or my School-fellows, I am
moved with compassion unto you,
because

because of my former Acquaintance, and because of the Love which I bear unto you; O! how am I cast down when I think of things which were done there with thee in my time! O! when the Lord gave me a sight of the Vanities thereof, O! how Naked I saw my self in the sight of the Lord! for even I was as Naked as Adam when he had eaten of the forbidden Fruit; yea, when the Lord called unto me, saying, *where art thou?* I was afraid, and was ready to hide my Face; but if I had called never so often to the Hills and Mountains to hide me, still I should have been as Naked as ever I was: and he that cannot first witness these things with me, can never witness a new Birth; and if he cannot witness a new Birth, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; for *Paul* said

said, while he was upon earth, *Flesh and Blood cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.* O! when I remember the Pride of the *Pharisee*, he who is counted the Shepherd of the Town, when as I once went down the Town, and did not put off my Hat to him, how he complained unto thee: O! but he never consider'd when he was drunk himself, and when he lay in *Babylon*, even to the Day and Hour he was to feed his Sheep. Oh! that thou mightst but think upon these things with consideration, then wouldst thou not wink at these things any longer. And so no more, but

Thy Loving Friend,

Ralph Fretwell

Waltham-Abby, the

19th of the 11th

Moneth, 1679.

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My beloved Brother ;

MY dear Love, in the Un-
changeable Truth of the
Lord our God (wherewith my
Heart at this time is overcome)
saluteth thee; so that in the feel-
ing Sense of the Heart-ravishing
Love of a Tender-hearted Father,
witnessed towards my Soul, am I
constrained at this time to write
a few Lines unto thee, shewing
thee how wonderfully, and how
powerfully the Lord hath made
bare his Arm of Eternal Salva-
tion, and hath stretched it forth
towards our Souls in this Place;
in the Sense of which my Heart
at this time is broken, so that I
cannot forbear, but must needs
acquaint

acquaint thee with that which I have seen with mine Eyes and heard with mine Ears, and my Hands have handled of the good Word of Life, since I came into this Family. Oh! my Mouth cannot speak these things which I have livingly felt and experienced in mine own particular, neither can I express those things wherein I have seen others exercised, since I came amongst them: for I have felt the Almighty and Powerful God at work in me, to the rooting out, in some measure, of that Spirit of the crooked Serpent that hath so long possessed the House; but now have I felt the Cleansing Power and Purifying Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is come as a Refiner with Fire, and as a Fuller with Sope (and who hath determined, That he will have a Pure and

and Undefiled People to Worship him) to purifie and to cleanse my Soul, in some measure, from the Pollutions of Sin and Iniquity.

Oh, my Brother! my Soul cannot express the wonderful Loving-kindness of the Lord God Almighty, which he hath handed forth unto me, in and through his beloved Son, who is come indeed that his Children might have Life, and that they might have it more abundantly: Oh! the flowings forth of his heavenly Life is felt in this Day to refresh the Hearts of those that wait upon him, and his heavenly Peace is witnessed to comfort their Souls, which is more than Thousands of Gold and Silver; and indeed, as one said, *A Day in his Court is better than a Thousand else-where.*

Oh!

Oh! this is the Day of glad Tidings indeed unto a Remnant, whom he hath reached unto by the Operation of his blessed Power, which worketh wonderfully in the Hearts of his little Ones, and of his tender-hearted Babes, whom he tendreth before him; whereby they come to witness the Times of Refreshment and of sweet Consolation to run down their Souls as a place of broad Rivers. Oh! my Soul at this time is sensible of his Consoling and Refreshing Presence, whereby he hath often comforted me (to his Praise I can say it) and I know assuredly, that he withholds nothing that tends to the good of those that love him and that delight to run the Way of his Commandments, and to follow him in the Regeneration,

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but he enables them and endews them more and more with Power from on High, and he renews their Strength from time to time; so that indeed they can run the Race that he hath set before them, and not be weary, and walk in his Heavenly Way and not faint.

Oh! my Soul is so filled, at this time, with the pure Life of Jesus, that I cannot but admire his Holiness, who so filleth the Hearts of his Children with heavenly Praises and melodious Songs, whereby he makes them to praise and magnifie his Name in the Land of the Living. Oh! how can those who are sensible of this his blessed Power, and of the Dawnings of his heavenly Day upon their Hearts and Souls, but forever praise and magnifie his Name for his blessed Appearance,
and

and for the Revelation of his holy Power, whereby he hath turned their Hearts from their former Lovers, and from their former Idols, unto the Love of him and of his Truth, who is over all, worthy to be loved and waited upon. So having no more at present, I do remain

Thy Loving Brother,

D. Barclay.

*A Testimony of one of the
Teachers.*

Blessed be the Name of the Lord our God forever and evermore, who in this Day hath made his People sensible of his Redeeming Arm of Power, stretched forth for their Deliverance out of the Bondage and Slavery of Satan, to serve him in the Liberty of his own holy and blessed Spirit, and to praise his Name in the Land of the Living, who is their God and their King, their Captain and their Leader, who goeth out and in before his Children, his Sheep, his Babes, his little Ones; whose Hearts he hath tendred by his heavenly Power,
and

and thereby he doth over-shadow them from time to time, and makes them to grow in the sense of his Love and Goodness to their Souls: Thus the Lord's Love is extended in this his heavenly Day unto many, and the Arm of his Eternal Power is revealed in many for their Deliverance, whereby they are come to know a blessed Change wrought upon their Hearts; and as their Minds are staid upon him, they do alwayes feel him near unto them; and he is never wanting to administer Comfort and sweet Consolation unto them, when they do truly and in Uprightness of Heart wait upon him: O! the flowings forth of his fatherly Love and heavenly Everlasting virtuous Life that my Soul, with the Souls of others, hath been many times sensible of in our Family Meetings

in this place: And I can truly say, I have been made to admire the Love of God in my Heart, when I have been sensible how he hath condescended in reaching unto the Capacity of several of the Children, whom I have really felt to be reached and blessedly tendred by the Power of an Endless Life: Yea, and the Lords Glory hath shined, and doth many times shine amongst us, so that sometimes it hath been in my Heart, *That the Lord hath begun to build up his Sion among us, as to the Educating of Children: for we can say to his Praise and Everlasting Glory, That he hath done more in a short time for some Children here, than ever any Teacher could be able to do.* Glory be to his Name, who is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and of their Seed: for he is known to be the God of his People in this Day
(who

who are in the Faith of *Abraham*) and of their Children also, as they walk in his heavenly Way which he hath again revealed in this his glorious holy Day! O! the riches of his Love and the infiniteness of his Kindness towards all the Sons of men; but more especially towards them whom he hath gathered into the knowledge of his ever-blessed Truth, and in whom he hath revealed his Son, who are his Witnesses on the Earth, whom he hath loved with a singular Love in his Son Christ Jesus, and given him unto them to be their Leader and Commander; and not only so, but he hath begun to visit many of their Children in their Young and Tender Years, which cannot but be unspeakable Joy unto all Upright-hearted Parents, to see and feel their Children visited with the

same holy Arm of Power, where-
 with they were visited when they
 were gone far astray from the
 Lord; which to feel in themselves
 is now their chiefest Joy: How
 much more then will their Joy
 abound to feel it operate in their
 Children while they are Young
 and Tender!

And now for the Encouragment
 of all who rejoyce to hear of the
 Prosperity of Gods Eternal Truth;
 I do testifie for the Lord, and to the
 Praise of his great Name, That
 the Lord our God hath not with-
 drawn the Sense of his Power
 and Heavenly Presence, (as to
 the General) from us, in this Fa-
 mily, but at all times many of
 us are sensible, as we are retired
 in our Minds, that the Lord's
 Love is towards us; and we do
 alwayes feel his Power in our
 Meetings, whereby our Souls
 are

are refreshed, and we are thereby confirmed from time to time, and in the Faith and Belief of the Prosperity of the Lord's Work which he hath begun amongst us: For notwithstanding that the Enemy may work at times in some of the Children, to draw their Minds into Wildness and Disorder, yet the Lord's Power is over all, and that contrary Spirit is much chain'd and kept down by the Revelation of God's Heavenly Power, whereby a Remnant are kept in a blessed Measure, since the first time that they were thorowly reached thereby, and do grow in weightiness daily, and in the experience of the work of Truth in their Hearts, which is indeed great cause of joy unto all those (of the Lord's People) who are concerned in them.

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And so, that the Lord God of
Heaven and Earth may carry on
this his Glorious Work among the
Children and Off-spring of his
People, not only in this Nation,
but in all Nations and Islands
where he hath gathered them, is
the Desire and earnest Breathing
of my Soul.

*From one who travails for the Prospe-
rity of God's Truth in the Earth,
and at present is exercised among
the Children in the School of
Waltham-Abby;*

Written the 17th
of the 11th Mon.
1679.

Alexander Scaton.

OH!

OH ! My Dearly Beloved
Friends, when I was alone, and
 my Mind exercised in the Truth,
 this Cry came thorow me, That
 the Lord hath heard our Cryes,
 and hath bottled up our Tears,
 and hath answered our Desires in
 a Blessing upon the Children, and
 hath broken the Wills of many,
 that they fear before him ; and
 now is he fulfilling his Promise,
 and that blessed Saying ; *That*
Righteousness shall Cover the Earth
as Waters the Seas ; that is,
 all over ; for verily it cannot
 be said, All over, except Young
 as well as Old come to know
 the Lord. And this is my
 Testimony, That the Time is at
 hand ;

hand ; for a blessed Day have we
 seen of the Lords pouring forth of
 his Spirit upon Young and Tender
 Children, that they may know him
 and fear before him. And I can say
 of a Truth, That we have of our
 Family, Children that truly fear
 the Lord, and do truly hunger
 after Righteousness.

O ! how doth the Lord appear
 to us, in our Family Meetings, that
 we are overcome with his won-
 derful Presence, and our Chil-
 drens Hearts broken before him,
 that they cannot contain from
 Praising his holy Name : His
 Glory doth so arise upon us, that
 our Meetings are indeed to Admi-
 ration : The Lord doth so follow us
 from Day to Day, and from
 Meeting to Meeting, as our dear
 Friends can witness with us, holy
 Praises saith my Soul, be to our God
 forever,

forever. Do we not read in the Scriptures of Truth, That Children in the dayes of Old have Blasphemed the Name of the Lord, and Scoffed at his People and Servants, and were Cursed forever? But now, blessed be his Name, he is appearing in his Love and Mercy unto Children, that he may Bless them forever.

Ah! what the Lord hath done a few Moneths and Weeks past, that the like hath scarce been heard of in many Ages or Generations amongst Children: My Soul desires that the Sense of it may ever remain amongst us, for we can never be able to speak it forth! how Unutterable indeed are his Mercies unto us, and his Wayes past finding out! Oh! the Sense
of

of this overcomes me; that all within me is constrained to praise the Lord, and magnific his holy Name, for he is Worthy, Worthy, Worthy, saith my Soul. O! how hath he broken in amongst us in our Meetings like a mighty Man of War, that nothing hath been able to stand against him, but we have fallen down before him, with *Praises* and sweet Melody in our Mouthes, that sometimes we could scarce know how to depart to go to our Natural Rest: And when we have been in our Beds, sometimes our Eyes could take no Rest for several Hours, we have so admired the Lord's doings with us.

The Lord hath Determined,
That this His Blessed Work in
this

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this his Day shall be a President
to the Ends of the Earth, that the
Generations to come may Mag-
nifie his Holy Name, who lives
for evermore.

Written in the
11th Moneth
1679.

Frances Taylor

THE END.

